

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

February 15, 21006

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a request for renewal of a water pollution control zero discharge permit, NEV90031 from the following applicant:

Dyno Nobel Inc. P. O. Box 1628 Battle Mountain, NV 89820

The applicant operates an industrial plant located six (6) miles north and two miles east of Battle Mountain, in Lander County, Nevada. The plant, formerly owned and operated by Coastal Chemical, produces ammonium nitrate and nitric acid. The solid ammonium nitrate product is used, after mixing with other materials, as a blasting agent, in the mining industry. The water and incidental stormwater are discharged to a leak detected and triple-lined evaporation pond on site as, at a 30-day average permit limited rate of 0.049 MGD. Enhanced evaporation of the fluid results in a salable fertilizer product. The facility is monitored via nine monitor wells. NDEP proposes issuance of the zero discharge permit NEV90031 for a five (5) year period.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than **5:00 P.M. on March 20**, **2006**, either in person or by mail to:

Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Pollution Control 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M.**March 20, 2006 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.